### **Natural Resources Conservation Service**

# **Application Ranking Summary**

## **Gunnison-Dolores - Wildlife**

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Gunnison-Dolores - Wildlife		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

#### **National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds consistent with TMDL's where available as well as the reduction of groundwater contamination or point source such as contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in the conservation of a considerable amount of ground or surface water resources?	
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	

#### **State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes O or No O
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	
7. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T", or, will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or, b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance: or, c. The applicant has never had an EQIP contract?	Yes O or No O

#### **Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore sagebrush-steppe, riparian, mountain shrub, or coldwater stream habitat?	Yes O or No O
2. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore wetland, pasture and hayland, warmwater stream or pond habitat?	Yes O or No O

3. Is the primary purpose of the project to maintain, enhance, or restore pinyon-juniper, deciduous-coniferous woodland, or cropland habitat?	
4. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a State species of concern, State candidate species, or Federal candidate species?	
5. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for a wildlife species that is currently catagorized as a Federal threatened species, Federal Endangered species, State threatened species, or State Endangered species?	
6. Is the primary purpose of the project to improve habitat for one of the following species: pheasant; Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; desert bighorn sheep; pronghorn; elk, mule deer; trout; mountain white fish; or turkey.	
7. Do the proposed practices address the most limiting factor on the property for the targeted specie? (document with species or habitat model)	
8. Are there at least 3 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes O or No O
9. Are there only 2 partners (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes O or No O
10. Is there only 1 partner (not including the participant or NRCS) contributing dollars for the project?	Yes O or No O
11. Do the planned practices establish and maintain native vegetation?	Yes O or No O
12. Will the participant implement an Integrated Pest Management Plan on the contracted acres to address prevention and/or treatment of noxious weeds?	
13. Will implementation of the project result in a minimum increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of .5 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	
14. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .3 and .49 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation Guide).	
15. Will implementation of the project result in an increase in the Wildlife Habitat Index of between .1 and .29 points for the targeted species? (To calculate index use species models in biology tech note #40 or, if a model is not available for the targeted species use the Colorado Wildlife Evaluation	
16. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes O or No O

#### Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
Ranking Score	
Efficiency:	
Local Issues:	
State Issues:	
National Issues:	
Final Ranking Score:	

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

NRCS Designated Conservationist:	Applicant Signature Required for Contract Development:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: